

specification has been reviewed and various formal amendments have been made.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 4 and 6 contain allowable subject matter. In view of that and having amended each of these claims into independent form, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 4 and 6 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Independent Claim 1 has been carefully reviewed and amended as deemed necessary to ensure that it conforms fully to the requirements of Section 112, with special attention to the point raised in paragraph 6 of the Office Action. Therefore, it is believed that the rejection of these claims has been obviated, and reconsideration of each of these claims is therefore requested.

Claims 1, 5, 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Siemens. Dependent Claims 2, 3, 8, 10 and 11 were rejected under Section 103 as unpatentable over Siemens in view of Kinohara.

Independent Claim 1 is believed to be patentably distinct over Siemens, for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent Claim 1 is directed to an information processing apparatus having reading means for reading image information including character data having a

phone number recorded in a recording medium, recognizing means for recognizing the read character data, registering means for registering the recognized character data, and searching means for searching the registered character data for a desired phone number. Display means are provided for displaying a plurality of the phone numbers searched by the searching means and selecting means are provided for selecting one of the plurality of the phone numbers. Control means are also provided for performing communication processing on the basis of the one phone number selected by the selecting means.

Siemens relates to a telephone handset without a dial having an opto-electric number reader located at the end of the handset for reading an optical number code in a directory. Siemens, however, is not found to teach or suggest an information processing apparatus having a display means for displaying the plurality of phone numbers that are searched in the registered and recognized character data by searching means, still less selecting means for selecting one of the plurality of searched phone numbers used to perform communication processing, as set forth in Claim 1.

Therefore, since Siemens does not teach or suggest the above-noted features recited in Claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 1 is patentably distinct over Siemens.

A review of Kinohara and the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of Siemens, as a reference against Claim 1. Independent Claim 1 is therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The dependent claims are also believed patentable since they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claims discussed above.

In addition, newly presented Claims 12-17 are directed to information processing apparatus that are substantially similar to the apparatus set forth in Claims 4 and 6, but include additional features that further distinguish each claim from the art of record. For example, display means for displaying the image information read by the reading means and the character data recognized by the recognizing means, as recited in Claims 12 and 15; and character data recognized by the recognizing means being registered in the registering means in accordance with a type of character data, as recited in Claims 13 and 16.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present amendment responds to all of the points raised in the Office Action of February 16, 1990, and reconsideration and allowance of the present application, with Claims 1-6 and 9-17, are requested.

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